"How to Be Humble"
Isaiah 3:16-4:1

C.I.T.—The Day of the LORD will strip away all pride.
C.I.S.—When the LORD brings his judgment, He will strip away all of our pride.
Purpose—I want to encourage our people not to trust in pride, but to humble themselves before Jesus.
Introduction—"It's Hard to Humble"—Mac Davis

I. ***Pride's Demeanor*** vs. 16
   a. Daughters of Zion—women of Jerusalem, God's people
      i. Haughty—lifted high, arrogant, prideful
      ii. Necks held high—looking down at everyone and acting high and mighty
      iii. Seductive glances, prancing, and anklets—all intended to attract attention.
      iv. Their entire demeanor is one of "I am better than you" and "I want you to pay attention to me"
      v. This is nothing short of idolatry of self.
   b. Compare with **1 Peter 3:3-5**
   c. Pride places self on the throne of life and everything one does feeds self.
   d. Illus.—Narcissistic Personality Disorder
   e. Application
      i. There are more narcissists out there than we want to admit.
      ii. When self is on the throne, a person's entire world revolves around themselves, which it is justified or not.
      iii. Spiritual narcissism points to self.

II. ***Pride's Degradation*** vs. 17-24
   a. The Lord initiates this degradation.
   b. Scabs on the head and lays bear their foreheads
      i. A woman's hair is a source of pride throughout the ages and cultures.
      ii. This scab could have been in reference to the leprosy that attached to Uzziah when he was prideful.
      iii. Shaved head…
   c. The Lord will take away:
      i. List of accessories that by themselves are harmless but were used to maximize pride.
      ii. Kim's 2025 List
   d. The Lord will replace it with
      i. Stench/decay/rottenness; Rope; Baldness; Sackcloth; Branding
      ii. The picture is of a line of women, bound and taken captive.
   e. When the enemy takes them captive, where is their pride then?
   f. 1 Peter 5:5
   g. Illus.—Narcissus, looked so long that he died
   h. Application
      i. The Lord will actively humiliate the proud person.
      ii. He will take away the very things in which he is proud.

iii. When pride is degraded, we will learn the vanity of trusting those things.

III. ***Pride's Desperation*** vs 25-4:1

a. Culturally, these women could only be able to do this because of the men in their lives.
   i. Prophesied that the men in their lives would die by the sword.
   ii. The city would be empty, which is a euphemism for these women being totally empty and destitute.
   iii. Self is ruined and desolate because of God's work against pride.

b. They became desperate.
   i. Seven women took one man to share.
   ii. This might sound nice for the man initially, but remember they stunk.

c. When we first encounter these women, they are high and mighty, but now they grovel.

d. Proverbs 16:18

e. Illus.—Breaking a horse

f. Application
   i. The Lord must break our pride before we can truly follow him.
   ii. This may require everything being taken away from us.
   iii. The purpose is not pain and misery, but life in submission to Christ.
   iv. We make an initial decisions, but we are constantly battling self.
   v. When self attempts a take over, the Lord will degrade our pride.
   vi. The desire is that we will seek Him and glorify Him instead of ourselves.

Conclusion

- It's hard to be humble, and that is why the Lord has to humble us.
- I would rather humble myself than have the Lord do it.
- **1 Peter 5: 6-7**
  - We humble ourselves by casting our care on Him.
  - Trusting Him to provide and take care of us.
  - This requires a submission to His lordship.
- Are you humbling yourself in submission to Him, or will He have to humble you?

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Oh, Lord, it's hard to be humble
When you're perfect in every way
I can't wait to look in the mirror
Cause I get better looking each day
To Know me is to love me
I Must be a heck of a man
Oh Lord its hard to be humble
But I'm doing the best that I can

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1 Peter 3:3 Don't let your beauty consist of outward things like elaborate hairstyles and wearing gold jewelry, 4 but rather what is inside the heart-- the imperishable quality of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight. 5 For in the past, the holy women who put their hope in God also adorned themselves in this way, submitting to their own husbands,
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Narcissistic personality disorder is a mental health condition in which people have an unreasonably high sense of their own importance. They need and seek too much attention and want people to admire them. People with this disorder may lack the ability to understand or care about the feelings of others.

Kim’s List

- Make up—War Paint
- Louis Vuitton, Chanel, Coach, Lululemon
- Weaves, extensions, blowouts
- Fake lashes, fake nails, and fake other things
- Injections, Fillers, lifters, lipo, contouring, enhancements
- On and on

1 Peter 5:5 In the same way, you who are younger, be subject to the elders. All of you clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because God resists the proud but gives grace to the humble. (1 Pet. 5:5 CSB17)

Proverbs 16:18 Pride comes before destruction, and an arrogant spirit before a fall.

1 Peter 5:6 Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you at the proper time, 7 casting all your cares on him, because he cares about you.